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Allopathic hospital and maternity centre at Irikkoor firka, North Malabar.

* 844 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to open an Allopathic hospital and maternity centre in Irikkoor firka, North Malabar;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation to restart the hospital at Irikkoor bazaar where there are hospital buildings belonging to the Government; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to convert the Local Fund Dispensary at the Headquarters of the Taliparamba sub-taluk into a Government hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The rural dispensary of Modern Medicine at Irikkoor was kept closed for want of a Medical Practitioner of Modern Medicine. In August last the inhabitants of Blathur Desam sent in a petition to the Malabar District Board to restart the dispensary at the place. As the practitioner of Modern Medicine was not available, a dispensary of Indigenous Medicine was opened at Irikkoor and it is now functioning in the buildings belonging to Malabar District Board.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Why is it that modern medical practitioners are not available? Were any advertisements made in the local press? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Practitioners of modern medicine are unwilling to go and settle in rural areas and take charge of rural dispensaries for several reasons. The subsidy given to them is not sufficiently attractive, the amenities available are not sufficient and their income from private practice is very small."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Have the Government any proposal to open a few naturopathy hospitals in rural areas as they are cheap and effective? If there is no such proposal, will the Government give at least some grant to naturopathy private practitioners? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No separate dispensary is necessary for naturopathy. Nature cures most of the diseases."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Irikkoor firka is in the remotest interior with no transport facilities and medical centres. Instances have been brought to the notice of the Government during the last two budget sessions in which pregnant women who were carried from Irikkoor to Cannanore for delivery died on the way. Since Irikkoor is a place with more than half a lakh of

people and there are no transport facilities, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to order the opening of a maternity centre and an allopathic medical centre there?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"It is the business of the District Board to open maternity centres. The Government give maintenance grants and building grants."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Is it a fact that the Government have neglected to open hospitals and dispensaries in the interior parts of the Malabar district? In so many villages with a population of 50,000 and 60,000 there is not even a single dispensary. Will the Government be pleased to convert the Taliparamba Local Fund Dispensary into a Government Hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"All the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals in Malabar have been provincialized. It is not so in the case of many other districts where there are still a number of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals remaining to be provincialized."

Number of murder cases in South Kanara in 1951–52.

* 845 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of murder cases reported in the year 1951–52 in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) how many of them have been given up as undetected;

(*c*) how many have been charge-sheeted; and

(*d*) how many of them ended in acquittal and how many ended in conviction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Twenty-six cases of murder were reported to the police during 1951–52 in the South Kanara district.

"(*b*) Four cases were referred as undetected.

"(*c*) Nineteen cases were charged by the police.

"(*d*) Seven cases ended in conviction and 12 ended in acquittal."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—"May I know how many deaths have been reported by the police as deaths due to accident or disease?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I do not have the figures here. A separate question may be put."

Repairs to the Maniyara bridge in Payyannur firka, North Malabar.

* 846 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Maniyara bridge in Koram amsam in Payyannur firka, North Malabar, is completely broken down and damaged; and if so, since how long it is lying in the damaged state; and